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Also enclosed is a copy of a European Search Report issued in the corresponding foreign application.

DE 197 56 451 and corresponding U.S. Patent No. 6,259,995 disclose a process and device for determining wear in a friction clutch.

DE 198 27 339 and corresponding U.S. Patent No. 6,142,276 disclose a housing for a multi plate clutch.

DE 197 54 523 and the English language abstract attached thereto disclose an arrangement for determining wear in a motor vehicle clutch.


DE 100 18 677 and corresponding U.S. Published Patent Application No. 2001030099 disclose a clutch system with a friction clutch and an actuation device.

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